## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

## RS19193C1

This legislation aims at simplifying the section of code concerning assault or battery upon public employees. Current code lists specific types of employees while omitting many others engaged in similar work. Instead of adding additional classes of employees, and possibly more confusion, the proposed legislation replaces this outdated list with the simple term "an employee of the state of Idaho or any of its political subdivisions". Local prosecutors retain the discretion as to when this section of code is applied and if the enhanced penalties are merited.

## None. FISCAL NOTE

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